

Executive Department State of Idaho

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices and contribute to society;

WHEREAS, Idaho is fully committed to the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in our communities, valuing their skills, talents and abilities; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we recognize the tremendous value and the potential of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, independence and self-reliance are important qualities to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, today many of the barriers facing persons with disabilities are being knocked down, thus opening new avenues and providing opportunities for advancement; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is committed to the empowerment, integration, employment and full inclusion of every one of our citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the right of every Idaho citizen to advocate for fair laws and regulations to ensure a high quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2013 to be

## DISABILITY ADVOCACY DAY

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty third.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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